

OUEEN HITS BACK WORLD EXCLUSIVE

Anyone who says my

iob's easy is talking out their arse'

Over the years the Royal Family have been criticised for being overpaid, over priviliged and out of date. Yet no matter how vicious the attacks, the Royals have always remained silent, steadfastly refusing to answer their critics

But now for the first time ever the Queen has decided to break her silence and HIT BACK at her knockers. In an astonishing frank and forthright letter to this paper she has revealed exclusively THE TRUTH about life in the Royal Family, Here, in the first extract from her remarkable letter, the Queen puts the record straight about MONEY and the Royals. PAYMENT

We would like to make it clear that the Queen has received no payment or fee from us, nor has she benefited in any other way financially from the publication of this letter

BILLS

People think I'm rolling in it. cos I'm the Queen. But once I've naid the hills an' that I've hardly got enough left to see me through the week. As often as not by Friday I'm on the scrounge.

PEANUTS

I get dead mad when neonle say "Aaah! Look at her, I bet she's coining it in". That's rubbish. You wouldn't believe the number of times I've had to go hundreds of miles to open a building or something, and I've been paid nowt. Even if they do decide to cough up a few bob, it's usually peanuts. At the end of the day I'm lucky if I come away with enough to cover me train fare.

FORTUNE

I had to open a bridge the other day. Of course the punters expect me to look the part - it's more than my jobs worth to be seen wearing the same hat twice. And posh frocks don't come cheap



either. I spent a bleedin'

fortune on a new outfit, and all I got for opening the bridge was a "Thank You Your Majesty". Try giving that to the bank manager.

NAPPIES

Don't get me wrong. I'm not just doing this for the money. There's easier ways of making a living than this, I can tell you. Opening things and waving at people is no picnic. I should know - I've been in this game over fifty years. I was opening buildings when Princess Di was still in nannies but nowadays it's her and Fergie what get the headlines. I'm not kidding, them two probably get paid ten times as much as I do. Me, the Queen, and them just Princesses 'n all. I sometimes wonder why I bother.

FLACK

Whenever people slag off the Royals, it's always me what takes the flack. I don't care what they say - I do a rudy good job. For instance, if I'm booked to open something. I'm always there on time, looking the part. I don't mess around. I smile, I meet people

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an' that, and when it comes to

speeches I do a bloody good

turn — at least twenty minutes,

and no boring hits either Not

like the young 'uns. They turn

up in their helicopters, smile

for the telly then 'woosh!' They're off on holiday again.

I can't remember the last time

me and Phil had a decent

holiday, We're lucky if we get

a weekend off all year. Take it

Dear Sin

The Flite P.O. Rox 1 PT Newcaste.

> In the old days you got a bit of respect. We had a few bob back then in all. In them days if we had a banquet we used to nut on a really good spread Out would come the silver. there'd he seven or eight courses, with caviar, champagne, posh mints. The works. These days if someone like the King of France comes

over he's lucky if he gets a

bowl of soup before the main

TO PAYTEY

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Hoody Queen!

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not there isn't even a choice of

course. And more often than nuddings POP STARS

I'm not one to grumble. After

all, there's always thems what's worse off than yourself. But when you see the amount of money that pop stars and the like are making these days, it makes you wonder You'd expect someone like the Queen would be taken care of. After. all, being the Queen's not something I do for the good of me health you know.

In the next issue: How I hit the roof when I found out Fergie was pregnant. Plus them Royal Weddings what a pain in the arse.

from me, anyone who says my joh is easy is talking out STAMPS For instance I never get a

their arse.

minute to myself during the day, and there's no chance of going out in the evening for a quiet drink or a meal in a posh restaurant. People see me all the time on money and stamps, and once they've recognised me they just won't leave me alone.























DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME I'M HAVING A WONDERFUL TIME!





No.1 all over heaven

Ghost group back from the grave

A supergroup consisting of the world's greatest rock stars are about to release a new album. Nothing unusual about that you may think. Until, that is, you stop to consider the fact that all the artists involved have been **DEAD** for several years.

This is the astonishing claim being made by Mrs Vera O'Dowd, a leading West Midlands medium who been contacted by the seven piece group formed only recently

LINE UP

According to Mrs O'Dowd the ghostly group lines up as follows: JIMI HENDRIX on guitar, KEITH MOON on drums, JOHN LENNON on guitar, LYNOTT on bass, JIM MORRISON on lead vocals, backed up by JANIS JOPLIN and GRACIE "Elvis was originally lined up as lead vocalist", Mrs

O'Dowd told us, "but he left due to musical differences

within the band."

VALERIE Mrs O'Dowd was first contacted by the group about two months ago through their manager, the late Brian Epstein. came through during a seance at my daughter Valerie's flat," she explained, "I'd never even heard of him, but my son-inlaw told me that he had at one stage managed The Beatles. "He said he had a plan to

form a supergroup on the other side, and told me that I had been chosen to act as their Earthly agent, to handle the business and financial side of things down

and tour of the **Dudley area**

are planned

here on Earth." During subsequent sessions on Vera's ouija board, Epstein outlined his plans to make the new group the pop sensations of the century. "He told me they planned to release a single early this year, and to follow it up with an LP in the summer. But he said that his major priority was to arrange a series of gigs at church halls and social clubs in and around the Dudley and Tipton area."

TOUR

Of the tour, Vera explained: "We are hoping to fit in as many dates as possible, as demand for tickets is going to be high. Unfortunately prices will have to reflect the difficulty and expense involved in getting a tour like this on the road

SPIRITUAL

Fans who turn up for the shows should, however, not expect to see the band performing on stage, "Due to the spiritual nature of the group, they cannot manifest themselves in their human



form. It will be necessary for me to act as their Earthly representative, and they will actually sing through my body, the spirits taking possession of my vocal chords whilst my husband, Reg, and his Bontempi organ will act as a channel for their music." Vera told

YOU READ THE BIGGEST

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"It's amazing," added Reg. "I haven't got a musical bone in my body. But when Vera makes contact with them on a spiritual plain, I go into a sort of trance, and the music just flows from my fingertips. It's completely phenomenal."



turning up for the shows will be in for a musical treat. "Rather than simply re-hashing old material, the band are concentrating on new arrangements of old classics. Songs like Tie A Yellow Ribbon. Their music has definitely come a long way since they've been in Heaven.

Reg added that a casette of the group, recorded on a four track tape machine in Heaven, will be on sale at all of the gigs, priced £7. Tickets for all the dates will be available at the door - check local press for details.

It's the BIG question!

Has Fergie got a

Ever since her marriage to Prince Andrew a cloud of controversy has surrounded the Duchess of York's bottom. In factories, shops, pubs and clubs all over Britain the question is being asked. "Has Fergie got a fat arse or what?"

Well now's YOUR chance to join in with the debate of the decade, as we invite you to vote in our special postal ballot. All you have to do to register your opinion is fill in the coupon below:



Signed

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To: The Queen, Buckingham Palace, London Dear Your Majesty

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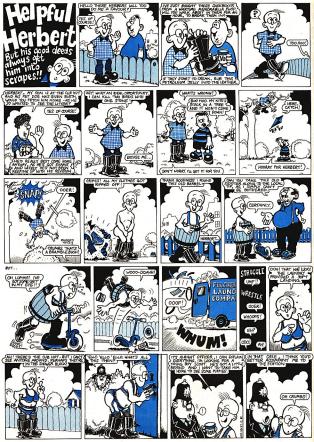
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Startling new evidence links 'King of Rock'n'Roll' to Kennedy assasination

It is now almost quarter of a century to the day since the assasination of President John F. Kennedy shook the world. Yet despite the passing of time, an air of mystery still surrounds the President's death. Twenty-five years on the question is still being asked — Who DID kill the President?

Officially the case closed many years ago. According to the history books Lee Harvey Oswald pulled the trigger on that fateful day in Dallas in 1963. But Oswald's guilt was never proven, and subsequently rumours of mafia involvement and Government cover ups have abounded. INCREDIBLE

But now new evidence has come to light - incredible evidence linking Elvis Presley, the late 'King of Rock 'n' Roll', to the killing, Evidence which, in weeks to come, could have startling repercussions both inside The Whitehouse and across the entire pop music industry of the world.

For the last 15 years Archibald Gubbins has dedicated his life to uncovering the truth surrounding Kennedy's death. And he is now convinced that the man who shot the President was in fact Elvis Presley himself. Unlikely as it seems. Archie Gubbins now believes he has all the necessary evidence to support his claims.

CARAVAN

Archie first developed an interest in the case after a friend he'd met on holiday hinted at a possible Elvis link to the Kennedy killing, "My wife and I went to Rhyll for a week in 1973 and it turned out that the man in the caravan next to ours, who was called Derek, had been a secret agent with the FBI during the sixties. He didn't talk much about his work, but one night in the pub after he'd had a few drinks this tongue began to loosen. He mentioned how, shortly after Kennedy was shot, they had found a guitar string on the floor in the book depository overlooking the scene

Singer left vital clues at the scene -claimed FBI agent

"Later, they discovered several rhinestones on and around the grassy knoll which Kennedy's car was passing when the shots rang out. These were identical to rhinestones worn by Presley on his stage clothing".

COVER-UP

Archie was surprised to find no reference to this evidence in any of the official reports. "There had obviously been some sort of cover-up, so I immediately became suspicious", he told us. My wife and I had also been Elvis fans for many years, and had often helped organise Elvis nights at our local pub. I felt that no matter what it took. I had to get to the bottom of the mystery".

CLUES

In his search for the truth. Archie spent months carrying out painstaking research in his local library, scouring literally dozens of books in both the History and Popular Music sections for clues. He also spent hours watching videos of TV documentaries on the subject. But after years of research Archie had drawn a blank. Then one day, out of the blue, he got a lucky break.

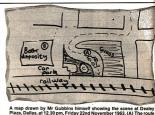
"I was sitting in the kitchen browsing through a book on the subject when something caught my eye. It was a photograph taken at the scene of the assasination seconds before Kennedy was shot. In the background was the book depository building, and in a window I saw what appeared to be a human figure. But it was only a blur and I couldn't be sure.

"As luck would have it my brother-in-law, who is a former chemist and keen amateur photographer, was staving with me at the time. I showed the photograph to him and he said it might be possible to magnify it many times using a previously unknown photographic technique. He did this the next day and when I saw the results I couldn't believe my eyes. There, standing in the window was Elvis, as clear as day. I was absolutely speechless for several minutes'



Elvis Aaron Presley - did the 'King' turn killer?

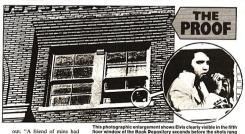
Fifteen years after the fatal shot had been fired, Archie was now convinced that a cover-up had taken place. He immediately wrote and asked for Kennedy's remains to beexhumed so that an independent autopsy could be carried



taken by the Presidential limousine prior to the shots being fired. (B) The fifth floor window of the Dallas School Book Depository from which Mr Gubbins believes that Elvis fired three times. And (C) the 'Grassy Knoll' where rhinestones were found similar to those often crassy and where militeratures were to the rear of the grassy knoll worn by the singer. "In the car park to the rear of the grassy knoll several witnesses claim to have seen a man who looked a bit like Colonel Tom Parker, Elvis's manager", says Mr Gubbins. "But they're all dead now", he added.

unanswered. But now, the experts are asking a NEW question.

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worked in an abattoir and offered to do a pathologist's report for me", says Archie. However, his request was turned down TRICGER

"I decided to go ahead and do our own autopsy, using photographs of the President from a book in the library" The report confirmed what Archie already knew. "There was no doubt in my mind Flyis pulled the trigger"

BARREL

But what motive would drive the King of Rock 'n' Roll to kill the President? What was going through the singer's mind when he took aim on that cold, grey, November lunchtime'

BEATI ES

One theory which Archie puts forward is that Kennedy, disillusioned with politics, was about to launch his own pop career. Already under threat from The Beatles, 'The King' feared that Kennedy may succeed in capturing his crown. However there is little hard evidence to support this notion

MONKEES

Archie believes that jealously was the real reason. "Apparently, Elvis had heard from a friend that Kennedy fancied his wife Priscilla and wanted to go out with her", Archie told us. "That's probably why he did it".

According to Archie, further evidence was left by Presley in the words of songs which he recorded after the shooting. "One evening my wife and I began to notice strange, almost cryptic references to the murder in the words of Flyis's songs. It was almost as if he was leaving deliberate clues for us to find. I suppose it was his way of admitting his guilt.

DESPAIR

"For example 'You saw me crying in the chapel' is. I believe, Elvis's way of asking God to forgive him. And in 'There goes my everything' he sums up his feelings of despair once it had dawned on him what a terrible thing he'd done.

REMORSE

"But the words of 'Rock-a-Hula Baby' speak for themselves. Elvis was obviously overcome with remorse. I think killing President Kennedy was a mistake which Elvis regreted for the rest of his life".

'I could confirm that the gunshot wound which killed President Kennedy would be consistent with him having been shot in the head by the type of bullet fired from a gun by Elvis Presley.' COINCIDENCE "I know too much - just like KEVIN DODGON FREELANCE PATHOLOGIST

> Even scentics would have to agree that the Kennedy assasination certainly did mark a turning point in Presley's career. From that point onwards he began to concentrate on slow, mournful ballads, he stopped touring and began to shy away from the public eye. He became a recluse inside his palatial Memphis home and subsequently lost control over

'I know too much' -Archie fears for his life

Desnite all the evidence put forward by Mr Gubbins, the authorities steadfastly refuse to re-open the case And Archie now feare that his knowledge of the true events of that grey November day in 1963 could put his own life at risk. "I'm convinced that the telephone box in our street is being bugged and my car has been tampered with. It keeps slipping out of first gear, and I've had to have the clutch looked at twice in as many weeks. It's scary when you think about it. The kind of people I'm dealing with here are above the law

Buddy Holly, Bill Haley and now The Big 'O'. It's more than just a coincidence that all three of them have died since Kennedy was killed"

SINISTER

We rang the FBI to ask whether or not they were involved in a sinister cover-up of Elvis's part in the Kennedy killing, but it was only 5 am in America and there was nobody

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This remarkable photograph was taken by an eye witness on a polaroid camera and shows the trees to the rear of the grassy knoll. Using another photographic technique, a portion of the picture can be enhanced to show quite clearly the figure of a man, not unlike Colonel Tom Parker, standing amongst the trees









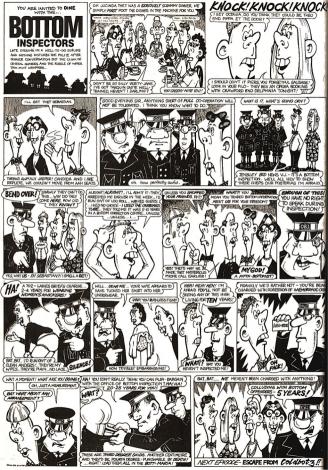








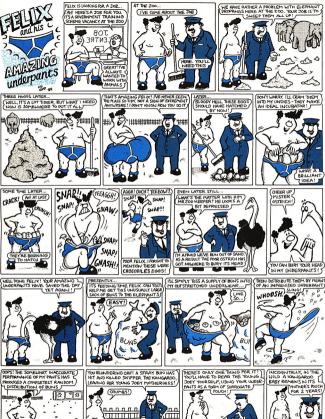














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FIPOP It's hip. It's hop. It's tops for pop.

BOY MEETS GIRL

There's a certain amount of confusion surrounding this issues No. 1, 'Trial Separation' by Westcliff-on-Sea's **BOY MEETS GIRL**. The Essex duo sent us £70.02, and that was enough to shoot their single straight to the top.

But a spokesman for RCA in London told us Boy Meets Girl aren't from Westcliff-on-Sea at all. "They're from America", she claimed. "They write and record their own hits, and write songs for Whitney Houston as well"

**** "Rubbish!", Boy Meets Girl's manager Brian Eastly told

us, speaking from his home in Westcliff-on-Sea. "They have never even met Whitney Houston. We are definately from Essex" he told us

Later Brian called us back. The mystery had been solved. "There must be two Boy Meets Girls". he explained. "One from America, who record for RCA, and the other - ours - from Essex" But doesn't this cause confusion among Brian's friends in Westcliff-on-Sea, especially when they hear that his group have been writing songs for Whitney Houston? "No, not really", said

A spokesman for Whitney Houston's record label told us that the American star was unaware of any confusion, and confirmed that to the best of her knowledge Whitney Houston has never been to Westcliff-on-Sea.

Last issue's No. 1 by ALL BECAUSE THE LADY LOVES slips two places to No. 3 while the KILLER RABBITS at No. 4 are no strangers to the chart. They first appeared in August 1985 when their single Captain Marvellous went to No. 2. You can win a copy of their album in the competition below.

You can't win copies but you can buy copies of the records at No.'s 6 and 7. The Various Artists 'Groovy Goings On' EP, featuring
RED MOON JOE, TO HELL
WITH BURGUNDY and PAS-SION PLAY costs £1.99 (inc P & P) and is available by post from 'From Chorley Records'. 44 Hamilton Road, Chorley, Lancs. PR7 2DL. BLAB HAPPY's 'Fruits of Labour' EP



Whitney Houston - has never been to Westcliff-on-Ser

is a penny dearer at £2.00, and is available from the band at 67 Prospect Hill, Leicester, LE5 3RT.

Luckless SATAN KNEW MY FATHER missed out this time round — their £4 bribe simply wasn't enough. Hard luck lads, we keep the cash. But you could cheer them up by sending £2.50 (inc) for a copy of their cassette 'Thora Hird Dies at Dawn'. Send orders to 15 Stodmore Street, Oxford, OX4 IGT.

Other would-be chart toppers who didn't make the grade included HYSTERIA WARD, TERRA NOVA and from Shrewsbury THE DOROTHY TAIT EXPERIENCE. They couldn't manage a quid between the three of them. Released Emotions records beloed to prove that the UK SUBS are still alive and well by bribing them into the chart. They aimed high, with a generous offer of £60.36 but the

hapless record company forgot to enclose the lolly.

If you want YOUR record in our next chart, send us a copy plus a cash bribe. The more you send, the higher your record goes. But send CASH ONLY — no small change, foreign currency, vouchers or crappy gifts will be accepted. Post your bribes to Viz Top Ten. P.O. Box 1PT. Newcastle upon Tyne, NE99 1PT. Please enclose a photo if possible, and a brief bit of information about the band or artist.

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Songs From The Heart Of The Primal Goat *********

Win a long-playing pop record

ROGER RAB

When Maidstone's KILLER RABBITS heard about the hit movie

Framed Roger Rabbit', they couldn't believe their tall, furry ears. For as far as they knew, lead singer Roger Rabbit had not been framed by anyone! The confusion arose from Roger Rabbit's name being the same as the name of Roger Rabbit who appears in the film. "It really has caused quite a few mix-ups", Roger (the singer) told us.

"Like the time when we stopped at a motorway service station for a bite to eat, and I told the assistant that my name was Roger Rabbit. She became noticeably confused" And there have been numerous other incidents too, apparently.

The Killer Rabbits have been around for many years, playing their unique blend of rabbit rock to audiences in clubs and pubs all around the Maidstone district. And now they have released an album of their songs entitled 'Dodgy Derek's Desert Drive-In-Dunk-a-Doughnut Stand!

We've got three copies of the record to give away to anyone who

can be bothered to answer these three rabbit orientated questions.

Bob Hoskins stars in the film Who Framed Roger Rabbit. But who starred in the film Bridge Over The River Kwai?

2. We all know that a rabbit is a small underground animal, however, cockneys also say 'rabbit' meaning 'to talk'. Who wrote the

3. The Killer Rabbits come from Maidstone in Kent. But which Kent wicket keeper was an England regular in the seventies, and name the Polish goal keeper who's dazzling Wembley performance kept England out of the 1974 World Cup finals?

Send your answers on a postcard to 'Killer Rabbit Competition', Viz, P.O. Box 1PT, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE99 1PT. Competition closes at the end of April 1989.























WHAT ... WHAT'S WRONG?





























Nobody was more delighted than us by the marriage of Prince Andrew to Sarah Ferguson. And we joined with millions of others in congratulating the Royal couple on the birth of their daughter. Like all members of the Royal Family. we treat the Duke and Duchess of York with the respect and the dignity which they deserve

But a fat arse is a fat arse, no matter who it belongs to.

And in a free society it is our Godgiven right to say so.

Elvis Presley was close to us all. More than just a star, he was a friend to many. He was, and still is, a very special part of our lives

But nobody is above the law. If Elvis killed President Kennedy then we, the public, have a right to know. And so have the parents of Lee

Harvey Oswald. 'Thou shalt not kill', the Bible tells us. And so do the do-gooders who argue

against the return of capital punishment. But try telling that to the armed gangs who terrorise our banks and post offices. Or the unarmed bobby, lying dead in the street. They won't hear you These men of violence are animals.

We should round them up like cattle. and shoot them like pigs. (And it's about time we tooled the coppers up as

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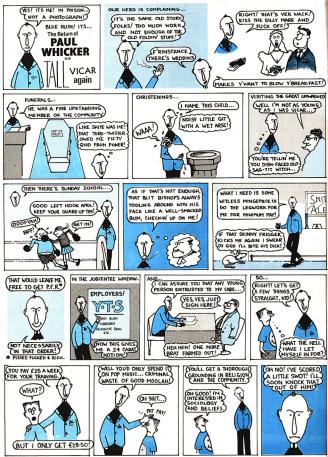
















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We certainly

taught our neighbour

a lesson

There's nothing more annoving than copycat neighbours. I recently painted my front door blue. Imagine my anger when a neighbour six doors along the road did exactly the same. He also has red curtains, almost the same as ours. So my wife and I decided to teach him a lesson.

Last night we painted over all our windows using black industrial weather resistant paint. Just wait till our copycat neighbour does the same. He'll soon discover that the paint is almost impossible to remove.

Dr S. Blanchland Swindon

My wife and I arranged a party for last Friday, and wrote out thirty invitations.

Imagine our disappointment when nobody turned up. We'd forgotten to post them! Robin Slade-Jones

Cardiff

I have a little trick I like to play on our neighbours. Every now and then I invite them all round for coffee - then give them tea! It's great fun watching their faces when they realise what I've done.

Mrs. T. Scott Norwich Last night my wife worked late and her kind-hearted boss invited her back to his house for a meal. He even treated her to a bottle of champagne. How generous it was of himrarely do you hear of such kindly behaviour by an em-

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ployer these days. My wife, however, must have felt pretty foolish. For on her return. I pointed out that she had been wearing her dress

inside out. R W Leicester

Hubby's car mystery

The other day my husband called the police when he awoke to find that our car was not in its usual parking place outside our house. We had to laugh though later we remembered what we'd done. My husband had built a small garage at the side of our house the previous day, and we had

parked the car inside it that evening. Needless to say the police, who spent several hours

searching for the car, were not quite so amused. Mrs M. MacDonald

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- I didn't have a ticket. Then suddenly I remembered I didn't need one. I was the driver.

D. Woods Romford

The other day my husband came home from work in his pyjamas. He'd left in such a hurry that morning, he had forgotten to put his clothes

Luckily his workmates hadn't spotted his mistake. If they had the poor soul would never have heard the last of it! Mrs J. Tudor

My hat is too big

My hat is too big. Any big headed readers care to swap Tim Scott Northwich

*Do any other readers have items which they no longer use and would like to swap for something else? If so drop us a line. Please mark your envelope T've got an item I no longer use and would like to swap for something else'.

I have a hair dryer and a set of curling tongs that I'd like to swap for an electronic calculator and a purse with a clip fastening.

Mrs. T. Cassidy

I recently began collecting beer mats and already have four. Two are the same, however. Would any readers care to swap?

J Smith Dover

Money talks, or so the saving goes. Surely with today's technology this could become a reality. Imagine the advantages for blind people if battery operated coins were designed to speak their value when taken out of your pocket. T McDermott

Service

with a smile

The other day my daughter and I were on a shopping trip to Plymouth when the train we were travelling on was involved in a collision. I couldn't help laughing, as we lay trapped in the wreckage, when the steward's voice came over the annoucement system. 'Apologies for the delay", he quipped, "The fire brigade are on their way, but in the meantime the buffet will remain open for the sale of

tea, coffee, hot and cold snacks

etc." It's good to know that

some British Rail employees

do have a sense of humour. Mrs D. Craig St. Agnes Children say the funniest

things, and often at the most awkward moments. The other day I was invited to Buckingham Palace to receive a medal from the Queen. "Where shall I stick it?" she asked, wondering where to pin the medal.

"Up your arse", said my 5 ear old son, quick as a flash. My face went bright purple, and not surprisingly, I wasn't given the medal after all

Mrs T. Hibbitt Leeds

Mollie Sugden's





Mollie says: "Remove any loose flakes of plaster from around the crack, even if it means making the hole larger. Use a Stanley knife or a stout screwdriver."



'Apply water to the crack liberally with a brush. This will prevent the old plaster soaking up the water from



"Using a palate knife, fill the hole with your filling com-pound. Pack it in well. There are many 'ready mixed' fillers on the market



Leave to dry for 24 hours before sanding Take a tip from Mollie: "For a truly professional finish you may like to paint the plastered area the same colour as the surrounding wall."

Magical memories

I am 93 and can still remember when butter was tuppence a pound.

Mr. M Knox Edinburgh

Battersea

My wife and I have been married for over 30 years, but I will never forget the day we were married. It was a Saturday.

The other day while picnicking in the countryside, my 12 year old son shot at a scarecrow in a nearby field with his new air rifle. We all cheered when he scored a direct hit: however, it immediately became apparent that the 'scarecrow' was in fact a farmer who had been standing in the middle of the field. There followed quite a scene, during which the farmer asked us in no uncertain terms.

Farmers often tell us town folk that we must observe the 'Country Code'. But surely they could set a far better example themselves by avoiding such foolish behaviour as standing in the middle of a field where they can so easily be mistaken for a scarecrow.

J.D. Radley Bucker

to leave his property.

I was delighted to receive a cheque for a modest pools win the other week, it was my first success in 20 years of filling in the coupon. But I couldn't believe my luck when I won again two weeks later.

It wasn't until I received a third cheque a fortnight later that I realised my mistake. The cheques were not from the pools company at all. I was recently made redundant and the cheques were in fact unemployment benefit payments being sent to me by the DHSS.

A. Kennedy Sunderland

I share my birthday (16th April) with 'Little Jimmy Osmond' who sang 'Long Haired Lover from Liverpool' in the early seventies. Ironically, I have fairly long hair myself, and live only 12 mins. Simone Glover St Helens

*Do any other readers share their birthday with a Jamous celebrity? Perhaps you were born on the same day as Bob Monkhouse, Joan Collins or Dr Magnus Pyke. Or perhaps you are often mistaken for a celebrity, or have got the same initials or something. I don't know. Drop us a line anyway, and mark your letter I've got some obscure celebrity connection'.



planks.

FUMES from burning settees can be lethal, so before sitting down always look around and plan your escape route in the event of a fire. D. Purnell

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Bristol
BRIGHTEN UP boring

snooker on TV by buying a sucker dart gun and trying to hit the players on the bottom as they bend down over the table. A. Foster Bury

MAKE polystyrene life belts for your plant pots and float them in the bath when you go on holiday. D. Price Bradford

MOTORCYCLISTS. Save cigarette filters and stick them in your nostrils. These will prevent dirt getting in, while still allowing you to breathe. S. Pissuillie Mackay, Aus. Pontefract AVOID embarrassment after tripping in the street by repeating the same movement several times to make it look like a normal part of your behaviour.

TURN your greenhouse into a

garden shed by boarding up the

glass windows with wooden

B. Sweeney Cove Road

STYLISH mirrored sunglasses can be made using two milk bottle tops and some pipe cleaners, saving pounds on similar items sold in trendy clothes shops.

Rick Glover Malaysia SAVE money by taking stitch-

ing out of old clothes and using the thread again.

G.T.

Newcastle

castle

T.V. STARS SHOWBIZ EXCLUSIVE DICE WITH DEATH!

- claims shock report

TV's top game show hosts are putting their lives at risk, due to a lack of knowledge of basic emergency survival techniques, claims a report out today. And if disaster struck tomorrow, many of TV's top names such as Bruce Forsyth and Les Dawson could be among the first to perish.

The report reveals how many | Among proposed improvements of the process of the proc

celebrities:

- DON'T KNOW how to erect a survival shelter.
 Are UNABLE to navigate
- using the stars.

 * CANNOT trap and skin a rabbit.

Author of the report Major Geoffrey Patterson-Smythe confessed to being "alarmed" by widespread apathy towards survival training within TV light entertainment in general.

TV COMPANIES "It's up to the Government

and the TV companies to take steps to improve the situation. It's no good putting it off tomorrow could be too late".

DOCTOR, MY MIND KEEPS PLAYING TRICKS ON ME.

training courses for all TV personalities, and random spot checks' which would be carried out by the IBA to ensure that standards of survival training were being maintained, "Celebrities could be asked to distinguish between poisonous and nonpoisonous berries, for example, or given a limited period of time in which to construct an improvised stretcher for use in an emergency, using only the branches from a tree", the Major told us. TV COMPANY

ments put forward in the

report are compulsory survival



one TV company who we contacted said that they will not be taking up the new proposals. "This sounds like scaremongering to me". he told us. Several game show hosts who we asked to speak to were yesterday 'unavailable for comment'.



DISPOSE of used toilet roll

holders in threes. Two may be

compressed and then inserted

into the other in order to save

PILE bricks at one end of your

bath and it will take much less

hot water to fill it up:

Mrs D. Park

James Lowe

Nottingham

Bedlington

IMPRESS members of the opposite sex by acquiring a comprehensive knowledge of a subject which interests them and then steering conversation towards this topic.

Paul Armstrong

Manchester

BEER poured into washing up liquid changes it from lemon flavour to shandy flavour.

Dave Patterson Bournemouth

SAVE money on expensive earrings by sticking Mint Imperials or Sugared Almonds to your ears with blue-tac.

Liverpool

Rolton

SAVE electricity. Turn all your lights out and walk around the

house wearing a miner's hat.
D. Purvis











































